

THE LEPROSY QUESTION.

The Bush-Wilcox Method of Dealing With the Matter.

Mr. Bush's usual method of attack on the Reform Party is to "cuss" the "missionaries" and rave about rascality, incompetence, etc., on general principles, without descending to specifications.

Once in a while, however, he ventures out of his ambush and makes a specific charge, the entire falsity of which is invariably immediately shown. Hereunder we publish a sample of this method of procedure:

"The Lepers."

[Translation from the "Ka Leo," referred to in Dr. Lutz's letter.]

"If it is true that medicine has been denied Dr. Lutz, that new German doctor who is now doctoring the lepers, then it is evident that the missionary fathers who are controlling the affairs of the land are false. It has been said to us that when the doctor asked for medicines he was told that there was none, neither was there any money to procure some; and when the doctor wished to detain some of the patients whom he thought were proper subjects for him to treat, they were immediately scooped up and sent to Molokai."

To you, the brethren who are aiding the Reform Party, how can you dare to pull your eyelids over your sight so as to keep from seeing, and then play the part of hypocrites and say that such things are all good—that it is Christian work. There are lots of hooplineas these days. The wish for riches is far more than the love for man—he for whose sake God gave the life of His only son."

Denial by Dr. Lutz.

MR. EDITOR: I am informed that an article, published by the "Ka Leo o Ka Lahui" not long ago, contains some remarks on the Kalihii Hospital not in accordance with the facts. You would therefore greatly oblige me by publishing the following statements:

1. Up to the date of your article none of my selected patients have been removed from my care or sent to Molokai.

2. I have been at complete liberty to select the patients for treatment, but the number of the leper patients being limited to twenty, I was obliged to refuse any new case of declared leprosy, while the number was full.

3. I have never been denied medicines, but simply instructed to limit myself to the most necessary expenses, to avoid the credit being overdrawn. This fear, however, afterwards proved unnecessary.

4. The necessary disbursements have been made to extend the benefit of the therapeutic results obtained by the treatment at Kalihii to the patients in the leper settlement.

Yours respectfully,

Dr. Lutz.

Honolulu, March 30, 1890.

Upon inquiring at the office of the Board of Health we learn that when Dr. Lutz began operations early in January, the Board were uncertain as to the sufficiency of the available appropriation for the balance of the period. An estimate of the probable expenses for the coming quarter showed, however, that the appropriation was sufficient, and Dr. Lutz was given carte blanche to order such medicines as he required, which he has done.

It was also ascertained that the scientific work of the doctor at Kalihii in treating selected cases of leprosy and investigating the disease, is being conducted regularly and satisfactorily to all concerned.

WE HESITATE.

(Translation from J. E. Bush's Paper.)

It is now several years since we received the Reciprocity Treaty, which created such an enormous amount of discussion in its first days, as to the great benefits the Hawaiians were to receive from it, and the prosperity of the country at large; and now people of other countries have taken up the subject and are discussing it. We were one of those who thought the treaty would be a benefit to the Hawaiian people, and that it would enrich the country in several ways. Perhaps it is a thing that would benefit the Hawaiian people, if it were properly conducted with justice to all men.

But such is not the evidence of to-day; a different picture altogether is seen through the workings of the treaty from that which was said would come. It is ten years since the reciprocity treaty between this country and the United States came in force, and each one of us can count those who have been benefited, and not like that which was said, that the whole people will be benefited. How many real Hawaiians have met with the benefits of the treaty? Only one, the rest have become bankrupt and have lost and been made poor, the greater portion of them are now without anything. How many of the white skins have been benefited? A large number of them. The sugar planters are to-day counting their wealth by the thousands. The bankers are counting theirs by the millions. The missionaries are rolling in money. The haole merchants are making towns in foreign lands in which to recreate and spend that great benefit that was said the Hawaiians were to receive.

As for the Hawaiians, we have seen everyone of them who have ventured in the business of cane planting to come out losers, not because their labor did not produce anything, but through the cunningness of the white man and of those who furnished the money. The high rate of interest is one of the reasons why the Hawaiians are deceived, through money-greedy missionaries and the banks of Bishop and of Spreckels. These blood sucking worms have ruined and killed the Hawaiians. Another cause is the reliance and trust of the Hawaiians in the foreigners, believing these haole "good souls" are captured by money, were honest and fair. If Kona of Kau, Kamakala of Kohala and others were to tell, they could speak and show the cause of their being poor and the death of some of them; they will say that it was through mistaken hopes caused by false encouragements of the Reciprocity Treaty. All the natives in Kau who went into cane planting, who owned large tracts of land and were well to do, are made poor, and some of them died through exertions to use themselves from poverty, and were through the supposed benefits they were to derive from the Treaty.

There is Kapihi, one of the well to do men living like a Prince at Kohala; there is Kamakala, Captain Kaai and several others; they were excited with great expectations in cane planting by the Treaty, but they have been reduced to nothing through this Treaty, which was given to save the dried up bones of Hawaii. Where is Kipi of Hilo and the owner of the plantation of Paauhau? Of those who have died while the other still remain to be sucked quietly by the cunning snakes and those of the avaricious mind.

What benefit has the King received for his labors in seeking and getting the treaty? The first is, he has been treated with cunningness, lying, treachery, and made a tool of for the planters and the merchant missionaries and speculating bankers.

From the first up to the present day since the treaty has been in force, the people have been steadily going down into poverty, while the situation of the missionaries, the merchants and the bankers has been on the ascendancy. The situation of the Hawaiian to-day shows poverty with all that he has in the possession of missionaries; others have everything, we have nothing. This is the cause of our hesitation.

A PROFESSIONAL LIBELLER.

The Ka Leo, Through the Agency of its Editor, J. E. Bush, has Reduced Libel to a Profession.

Mr. Bush professes to believe that he is one of the few who have discovered the way of salvation, and from the fact that his paper contains columns of extracts from the bible, a constant use of the name of Christ, and a running fire of references to faith, hope, charity, the golden rule, etc., it might be supposed that something like decency, if nothing more, might be expected from the paper, in its reference to representatives of other branches of a religion, all of which make Christ the corner stone.

But Mr. Bush is discreet in selecting his subjects of libel, and selects those who he thinks will not strike back.

Ever since the beginning of his paper, a constant object of venomous attack and abuse has been Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of the Kawaiahao church.

No consideration is paid to his profession, to his long continued, disinterested and ill-paid services for the Hawaiian people, nor to the utter lack of foundation or provocation for the course pursued.

Mr. Bush no doubt considers this course manly, and as showing his independence of the "missionaries." It certainly is on a par with his general reputation for honor and bravery.

The following is a sample of his style of reference to Mr. Parker and the Kawaiahao church:

"THOSE BLACK SHEEP."

[Translated from Ka Leo.]

We are sorry to learn of the mixed-up way of living of one of the members of Kawaiahao church. . . . (A number of charges are then made against two members, which are unfit for publication.)

The master is very much like the servant, through his hiding what he knows, and by shunning to teach. And because a widow happens to favor Wilcox, Christ's assistant at Kawaiahao church is now abusing her. How are these things? Firstly, the church is a shooting place; secondly, it is a place for large mercantile transactions; thirdly, it is a cave for robbers and adulterous people. These are the signs Peter prophesied will come in the last days, and it seems as if we are really living in the last days, since these things are so alike with what Peter had foretold. We feel grieved to hear things pertaining to religion from the members themselves, regarding these carryings on, and for its being allowed. If one-half of them have admitted that these things are true according to what was brought to us, then it is proper to have others take the place of the pastor and the lunas of that church and preach the word of God."

Oahu Evangelical Association.

The Oahu Association of Evangelical Churches (Hawaiian) began its semi-annual meeting in Kaunakapili Church Tuesday morning. The Moderator, Rev. S. Kapu of Hauula and Punaluu, preached the opening sermon from Rom. 5-3. Reports from the various churches next order: Kaunakapili reported the purchase of a parsonage, the money being given and solicited by Rev. Lowell Smith; also the reduction of its debt to \$3,000, and the gift of a silver service for the communion table from Hon. A. F. Judd. Fourteen had united with the church at the last communion season. The Kamehameha School boys attend worship at this church; the boys of the Preparatory School at the Kalihii Church. The newspaper talk about missionaries and missionary children has acted like a subtle poison on the minds of some of the church members, prejudiced against the grace of the Gospel by the abusive language of prominent political leaders. The Pastor's Aid Society has been eminently successful in securing regular payment of the pastors' salaries. Some instances were mentioned of plural marriages among Mormons, the parties being dressed in white as to make sure of heavenly blessedness. A committee was appointed to consider what additional measures can be taken to guard the different communities against the many evils of intemperance, gambling, heathen incantations, increasingly in force in almost every parish. Only two churches are without pastors, all attempts to secure pastorate having failed. It was reported that suitable provisions would soon be made to secure regular preaching and pastoral services for them. Only one parish is without a parsonage.

S. S. Oceanic.

As stated in Wednesday's edition the steamship Oceanic 3,808 tons, Commander W. M. Smith, arrived at 1 o'clock that morning from Hongkong and Yokohama. Left Hongkong March 13th and Yokohama the 22d. Had moderate to fresh E. S. E. winds with rough choppy head sea the entire voyage. Time of passage from Yokohama 11 days 8 hours. The Oceanic brought 120 Chinese passengers and 350 tons of freight for this port and had a large number of passengers in transit. She left for San Francisco Wednesday evening, carrying a mail from the Post Office.

HAWAII BASEBALL LEAGUE.

The Schedule Arranged for the Season—Stars and Honolulu Play the First Game—Prizes Offered.

A meeting of the Hawaii Baseball League was held Monday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce room, Hon. W. F. Allen, President, in the chair. Those present were Messrs. Jas. G. Spencer, Secretary; H. M. Whitney, Jr., W. B. Oleson, J. W. Winter, Hay Wodehouse, J. O. Carter, Jr., E. P. Low, S. Louisson, Henry Kaia, M. K. Keohokale, E. Wodehouse, A. Lucas, Robert Pahau, Dan, G. Rosa, G. L. Desha, W. Lucas, and J. A. Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The first business was the schedule of games for the season. H. M. Whitney, Jr., said if the first game be arranged a schedule could soon be placed before the meeting.

It was decided by drawing lots, that the Stars and Honolulu open the season on April 12th.

The following schedule was then adopted:

April 12th Stars vs. Honolulu.
April 19th Kamehameha vs. Hawaii.
April 26th Stars vs. Kamehameha.
May 3d Honolulu vs. Hawaii.
May 10th Hawaii vs. Stars.
May 17th Honolulu vs. Kamehameha.
May 24th Kamehameha vs. Stars.
May 31st Hawaii vs. Honolulu.
June 7th Honolulu vs. Stars.
June 14th Hawaii vs. Kamehameha.
June 21st Stars vs. Hawaii.
June 28th Kamehameha vs. Honolulu.
July 4th Stars vs. Honolulu.
July 5th Kamehameha vs. Hawaii.
July 12th Stars vs. Kamehameha.
July 19th Honolulu vs. Hawaii.
July 26th Hawaii vs. Stars.
August 2d Honolulu vs. Kamehameha.

On motion of H. M. Whitney, Jr., James B. Castle was elected official umpire for the season, and a second umpire will be appointed by a committee consisting of the four captains.

W. B. Oleson moved that there be two scorers for each game. Carried. He also moved that John W. Winter and S. Louisson be elected official scorers; in their absence, the captains of the two nines to select a substitute.

The following letters were then read:

HONOLULU, March 27th.
Hon. W. F. Allen, President Hawaii Baseball League.

SIR:—I beg leave to offer as a prize to the members of the winning club who shall have made the best individual score during the coming season, a handsome frame for the club photograph offered by Mr. J. J. Williams, the same to be selected by the winner. Respectfully yours, W. C. KING.

HONOLULU, March 28th.
Hon. W. F. Allen, President Hawaii Baseball League.

SIR:—In furtherance of baseball interests and encouragement of a spirit of honorable emulation among the several clubs of the Hawaii Baseball League, I desire to offer, as a competitive prize, a specially made bat and ball, from choicest varieties of Hawaiian wood, with silver mounting and appropriate inscription; the same to go to the winning club each season, but to belong to, or become the property of the club making the best record in two out of three seasons, details of which can be arranged later.

My aim in making a conditional offer for several seasons is, to help hold our clubs to a continued existence and not to drop out of sight after one or two seasons' effort.

Should this offer be acceptable to the league, I will immediately have the prize prepared by a competent worker, in our island woods and placed on exhibition in some central locality approved by you. Very respectfully yours, THOS. G. THURM.

Both letters were accepted with thanks, after which the meeting adjourned.

The following letter was read at the previous meeting and accepted with thanks:

HONOLULU, March 22d.
Hon. W. F. Allen, President Hawaii Baseball League.

SIR:—I take great pleasure in informing you that I will give as a prize, a 14x17 group of the winning club for 1890; one copy to each member of the same. Yours respectfully, J. J. WILLIAMS.

Y. W. C. T. U. Social.

When the Y. W. C. T. U. announces a social you can generally depend on it being something out of the usual way. Tuesday, as many people were probably aware, was All Fool's day, and this was considered by the young ladies to be a good opportunity to hold a social. It came off in the evening at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and there was quite a large attendance, consequently the funds of the Union will be considerably increased. The proceedings opened with a trio on the piano by three young ladies. Mrs. Barto gave a recitation that pleased immensely. Master Harry Rycroft caused great amusement. He came on the platform in evening dress and looked like a French opera singer. Mr. A. D. Bissell played an elaborate accompaniment on the piano, while Harry made motions as if he were singing a grand aria, but not a sound came forth. He was encased for his efforts and again went through the same performance. The 1st of April had evidently struck Mr. Bissell, for he made any number of motions at the piano, but there was no music. The last number on the programme was announced as a string quartette. A curtain was drawn on one side displaying four string instruments the tops of which were covered with painted faces.

Refreshments were then served and the fun began. There was Secretary Fuller biting at a cake stuffed with leather shoe laces, while another gentleman encountered cotton in a doughnut. A pleasant looking waiter went around with a pyramid of macaroons. A lady took one from the top when the remainder followed it. They were all strung together. It was the same way with other things. Everyone present enjoyed themselves very much indeed.

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